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1. KRAUS(GATT AGRICULTURE DIVISION) ADVISED AGATT IN CONFIDENCE EC APPROACHED SECRETARIAT TO INQUIRE WHAT IF ANY ARRANGMENTS MADE TO CONVENE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE DURING FORTHCOMING PREP COM. HE TOLD EC (DEPASCALE) THAT SECRETARIAT HAS NO INTENTION INITIATE SUCH MEETING AND SUGGESTED IF EC WANTS ONE IT SHOULD WORK IT OUT WITH MAJOR CP' S. KRAUS THOUGHT OBJECTIVE SUCH MEETING WOULD BE DISCUSSION AGRICULTURE PORTION DRAFT REPORT PREPARED FOR PREP COM (REFTEL) IN LIGHT OUTCOME EC COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 25-26.

2. COMMENT. EC MAY APPROACH US AND OTHER SHORTLY TO CONVENE AG COM WHILE PREPCOM IN SESSION STARTING JULY 2. WHETHER SUCHMEETING IS HELD OR NOT APPEARS TO US NOT TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE SINCE AG PART OF REPORT WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSED BY PREPCOM OR SOME GROUP IF NOT BY AGCOM. AGCOM MEETING MIGHT GIVE EC OPPORTUNITY IN SMALLER GROUP EXPLAIN MORE FREELY MEANING OF " MANDATE" THEY HAVE JUST RECEIVED THAN IN LARGER PREMCOM GROUP AND IT COULD ALSO LEAD TO AGCOM AUTHORIZING SECRETARIAT TO DO SOME ANALYTICAL WORK STYMIED FOR PAST 6 MONTHS, E. G. PILOT STUDIES. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, WE ARE CONCERNED MEETING WOULD TEND TO FURTHER FREEZE SEPARATION OF AGRICULTURE FROM INDUSTRY ASPECTS OF MIN. FURTHERMORE, IF AGCOM WERE TO FAIL REACH CONSENSUS ON OBJECTIVES OF MTN IN AGRICULTURE, WORK OF PREPCOM ON DRAFT DECLARATION FOR MINISTERIAL MIGHT BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT. ON BALANCE, IN HOPES OF KEEPING FOCUS ON DECLARATION IN PREPCOM, WE ARE INCLINED TO OPPOSE AGCOM MEETING. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION ADVISE SECRETARIAT (AND OTHER DELS IF WE ARE ASKED) WE DO NOT FAVOR MEETING OF AGCOM DURING PREPCOM. BASSIN

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